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SUBJECT: PROPOSED NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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1. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO EMBASSIES ON SUBJECT COUNCIL, TO BE USED AS APPROPRIATE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRIES AND OTHER HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

2. US PROPOSAL OUTLINED IN SIMON LETTER (REFTE) IS BASED ON AN ORIGINAL LDC (GROUP OF 24) PROPOSAL TO COMMITTEE OF 20 LAST FALL. LDCS PROPOSED INSTITUTIONALIZING ON A CONTINUING BASIS AND EXPANDING THE MANDATE OF WHAT HAD BEEN A TECHNICAL SUBGROUP OF THE C-20 ON THE TRANSFER OF REAL RESOURCES TO LDCS. THIS SUGGESTION WAS APPROVED AT THE JUNE 12-13 C-20 MINISTERIAL MEETING IN WASHINGTON IN THE FORM OF AN AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A MINISTERIAL LEVEL COMMITTEE, WITH AN EXPANDED SCOPE TO EXAMINE DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS, INCLUDING PRIORITY ATTENTION TO THE LDCS MOST SEVERELY AFFECTED (MSAS) BY THE ENERGY CRISIS. THE MINISTERS ALSO AGREED TO SPEED UP THE ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED TIMETABLE TO ASK EXPERTS TO BEGIN WORK IMMEDIATELY ON MSA PROBLEMS.

3. US FAVORS EARLY FORMATION OF THIS GROUP BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THE LIMITED SIZE AND THE REPRESENTATION OF LDCS AS WELL AS OIL PRODUCERS OFFER SOME ADVANTAGES OVER EXISTING INTERNATIONAL BODIES AS AN EFFICIENT FORUM FOR DISCUSSING, COORDINATING, STUDYING, AND CONSULTING ON BROAD RANGE OF DEVELOPMENT ISSUES. INITIAL US VIEW IS THAT GROUP WOULD HAVE 20 MEMBERS, CORRESPONDING TO EXISTING IMF CONSTITUENCIES, WITH EACH GROUP OF COUNTRIES HAVING OPTION OF SELECTING WHICH COUNTRY AND/OR MINISTER WOULD REPRESENT THEM, I.E., INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATIVES NEED NOT BE IDENTICAL WITH IMF BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE US ENVISAGES THAT THE NEW GROUP WOULD COORDINATE ITS ACTIVITIES WITH EXISTING INSTITUTIONS -- THE NTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS, UN BODIES, GATT, DAC -- WHICH MIGHT
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ALSO BE REPRESENTED IN OBSERVER STATUS. THE US DOES NOT SEE THE NEW BODY ITSELF MANAGING OR DISBURSING AID FUNDS.

4. WE PROPOSE THAT THE NEW BODY RELY ON A SMALL FULL-TIME STAFF OF HIGH-LEVEL EXPERTS, WHO WOULD BE SECONDED FROM GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS WORKING UNDER AN INDEPENDENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. FUNDING AND ADMINISTRA-

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TIVE SUPPORT WOULD COME, ACCORDING TO OUR PROPOSAL, NOT DIRECTLY FROM GOVERNMENTS BUT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. KISSINGER

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